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A NEW SCHOOL FOR 20?

Move to attract 'problem' pupils

Two Altona North schools will establish an annexe for students unable to cope with the normal school environment.

Altona North High and technical schools intend setting up an "alternative" school for about 20 students.

Mr. Laurie Etherton, principal of Altona North Tech, told The Star yesterday he is concerned that a number of students "are not able to fit in" to the present school system.

"We hope that with a small alternative school, these students would attend," he said.

He said children eligible for the annexe would include habitual truants, those who have been in trouble with the police, and those unable to adapt socially.

"Methods of teaching at the alternative would be more flexible," he said.

A preliminary meeting to discuss the proposal put forward the following points:

- A suitable building with facilities would need to be found within reasonable distance of both schools.

- Dual control of the facility would need to be maintained by both schools.

- Only experienced, competent staff with an affinity for these students could be expected to succeed in such a school.

- That parental permission be required for students to enter the school.

- That students are able to rejoin the main schools at the appropriate time.

- That Altona council be asked if it would support the project, and whether it could suggest a suitable building.

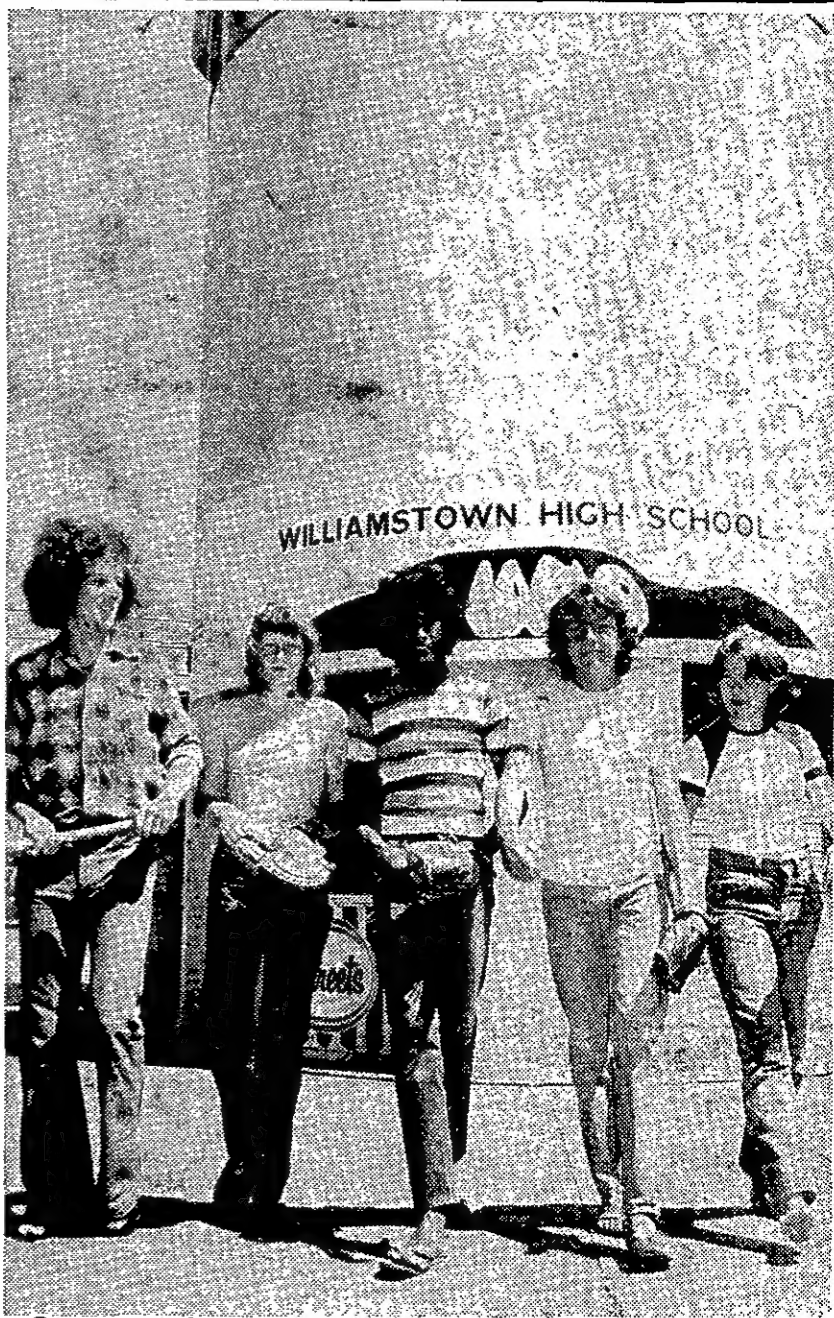
- That a further meeting be addressed by Mr. J. McLeod, an Education Department psychologist.

The council has already indicated its support for "matters relating to education", but not suggested any likely home for the annexe.

Williamstown High School set up its alternative, the integrated studies group, four years ago.

The students decorated their own "home" room, but problems arose within the system and last year the school gained a lease on the council's dressing pavilion on Williamstown beach.

The students themselves helped to set up renovate the building to make it their own, and the project is deemed by school authorities to be a success academically and socially.



Four students and a teacher (left) head off for a game of baseball between classes at Williamstown High School's annexe, the old dressing pavilion. Altona schools plan a similar alternative school.

Life jail for youth, 18

Trevor Raymond Flight, 18, was last week sentenced to jail "for the term of his natural life" for the murder of a taxi driver in Newport.

Flight, a laborer of Salisbury Street, Newport, was found guilty of the murder of Carmelo Mario Sagona, 37, of Binns Street, Altona.

During the six-day trial, which ended on Thursday, the Crown alleged that Flight cut Sagona's throat after demanding money from him.

Flight pleaded not guilty to the murder charge.

According to the evidence, Flight heard a radio broadcast on October 5 last year, about a taxi driver being robbed.

He decided to commit a similar crime that night.

He got a butcher's knife from the kitchen, sharpened it, and called a taxi to pick him up on a nearby street corner.

He asked the driver to stop about 50 yds down the road, grabbed him around the neck, put the knife to throat and said: "Your money or your life."

Sagona, a driver for West Suburban Taxis, jumped from the car with a two-inch cut to his throat and ran to a house for help.

He collapsed and died near the front door.

In an unsworn statement from the dock, Flight told the court the killing was an accident.

He said he got into the back of the taxi and held the blunt edge of the knife against the driver's throat.

The driver threw his wallet into the back and grabbed the hand holding the knife.

Flight said the knife must have twisted in his hand and cut Sagona's throat as he tried to pull it away.

He said he did not intend to hurt the driver. "My life is ruined," he said.

He said he had been drinking heavily during the day.

The jury of seven women and five men were told a bloodstained wallet containing notes was found near the taxi that night.

Flight's counsel, Mr. W. B. Frizzell, asked the jury to find Flight not guilty of murder, but guilty of the lesser charge of manslaughter.

The jury took six hours to reach its verdict and Mr. Justice Brooking pronounced the life sentence.

Flight told the court he had nothing to say before the sentence was pronounced.

Mothers to run own day-care

Mothers of pre-school children will soon be able to provide their own day-care scheme, and be paid by the Government.

The Federal Government wanting to take part in ment has approved a the scheme will be in- \$15,000 subsidy for Al- spected for suitability by- tona Council to begin the council officers.

Mothers who can mind four children, apart from their own, for seven hours a day, five days a week, will earn \$20 a child a week.

They will also be expected to provide a hot lunch for the children.

The homes of those

Cr. Alan Shaw, who initiated the scheme in Altona Council, said last week he put forward the idea when he saw mothers dropping off their children at houses in the district each day.

"I'd see this sort of thing happening every

day on my way to work, and it concerned me that the standard of care given to young kids may not always be high," he said.

A part-time co-ordinator for the scheme will be appointed by the council. The salary will be \$6000

a year. Part-time assistants will earn \$60 a week.

The Department of Social Security assured the council that subsidies will continue so long as at least 35 children take part in the scheme each year.

Prayers for unity

A week of prayer for Christian unity will be held in churches throughout Altona between May 19 and 29.

Details:

Thursday, May 19, 10 am and 8 pm St. Eanswythes Anglican Church; Friday, May 20, 11.45 am and 6 pm St. Mary's Catholic Church; Saturday, May 21, 7 pm St.

Leo's Catholic Church; Monday, May 23, 7 pm Presbyterian Church; Tuesday, May 24, 7.30 pm Methodist Church; Wednesday, May 25, 8 pm Salvation Army; Thursday, May 26, 10 am St. Eanswythes 1.30 pm Salvation Army; Friday, May 27, 11.45 am and 6 pm St. Mary's; Saturday, May 28, 7 pm St. Leo's; Sunday, May 29, 7 pm St. Eanswythes.

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If you say yes, you're probably one of thousands of people in the western suburbs who have missed out on music because of lack of opportunity.

At least that's the opinion of local guitar coach Bruce Miller (pictured right).

"The music scene around here has been totally neglected", he said. "There's no encouragement for kids at school, apart from a few brass bands."

Bruce will start on May 24 to coach a guitar class at the Western Region Education Centre, 34 Kingsville Street, West Footscray.

The class, for 10 weeks will be each Tuesday from 7-9.30 pm.

All standard of players are welcome to join the class, which costs \$20.

Bruce said that a good age to begin learning the guitar was about 12, but people of any age could learn if they were interested.

Bruce is also available for private lessons. For more information about the class, phone 314 3011.



New playground for St. Mary's

St. Mary's primary school in Altona is building an adventure playground for its pupils — with the help of the Altona Council.

The council has agreed to provide large basalt rocks, and 20 trees to the school for the playground next month.

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RSPCA to set up branches

The women's committee of the RSPCA — formed last February — is aiming at setting up western, northern, southern and eastern auxiliaries

The committee said last week that many women anxious to help in the RSPCA's work found it inconvenient to attend functions organised by a central body.

Formation of regional auxiliaries would bring income from such functions as card days, coffee parties, speaker luncheons, pet shows, fashion parade and barbecues.

The RSPCA would help with films, promotional posters, literature and by providing speakers.

Any interested women should contact the promotions officer, Mrs. Jean Carter, on 288 5111 or 58 4969.

Big band in city concert

The annual mid-year concert by the Footscray-Yarraville band will be held on Tuesday, May 24 at the Dallas Brooks Hall, East Melbourne.

Artists will include dancers from the Russian Theatrical Society and singers Charles Skase, Margaret Nisbet and Ron Lees.

Tickets will sell at the door for \$4.20. For bookings ring Karen Hamley, 63 4892.

Vote 'Yes' to 4-Willis

A "Yes" vote on all four referendums this Saturday would be in the best interest of Australians, Mr. Ralph Willis said this week.

Mr. Willis, MHR for Gellibrand, said the four referendums were common-sense proposals and would make for more orderly and democratic government.

He said: "The Labor Party therefore supported them although the Federal Government's reasons for pursuing them were rather cynical."

"For instance, the simultaneous-election referendum had been proposed by the Labor Government in 1974 but was then opposed by the Liberal and National Parties."

"Their support for them now was less likely to be on the grounds of principle than for the reason that it would enable Mr. Fraser to postpone an election of any kind until the end of 1978."

"If this referendum fails there must be a Senate election by mid-1978."

Mr. Willis said Labor strongly supported the Senate referendum as a matter of principle, because it would mean fewer elections, less waste of public money and a Senate that more accurately reflected the will of the people at the time the government is formed.

Mr. Willis added: "Labor also believes that Mr. Fraser is performing

so badly that it will defeat him whenever an election is held.

"Labor's support for the referendum on normal Senate vacancies was also a matter of principle."

"Labor always has supported the convention that a dead or retired senator should be replaced by a member of the same party as the senator."

"But it was the Liberal and National Parties in NSW and Queensland which broke this convention when the Whitlam Government was in office."

"They thereby obtained the numbers in the Senate to block Supply and force the Labor Government out of office."

"In these circumstances, Mr. Fraser's support for this referendum looks like an attempt to settle his conscience about the misuse of power by the Liberal and National Party State Governments."

"Or perhaps he wanted to ensure that Labor wouldn't do the same thing to his Government."

Mr. Willis said the other referendums to set a retiring age of 70 for Federal judges and to allow residents of the ACT and the Northern Territory to vote in referendums were so obviously common sense that it was remarkable that anybody would oppose them.

Mr. Willis said it is compulsory to vote for the four referendums to change the Constitution but there is no compulsion to vote in the poll for the national song.

Free test of your blood pressure

Blood-pressure tests will be given free of charge at the Treasury corner in Blyth Street, Altona, on Saturday, June 11.

The tests will be run by Altona Jaycees, and will be held between 9.30 am and noon.

Holiday scheme

Altona Council is running a vacation care programme for school children during the May holidays, but only for this week.

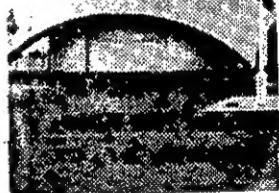
The programme, to include sports, arts, outings and daily visits to the swimming pool, will end on Friday.

Two centres are in operation — at the Altona Youth Hall in Civic Parade, and at the Altona North Youth Hall, in Marian Street. Activities run from 9.30 to 3.30 pm.

Hall clocks

The Civic Centre clocks will be fixed, at a

talk of Altona



cost of \$733, councillors decided last week.

The master control to the several dials on the clock failed, and is beyond repair. The old pendulum drive will be replaced with a new master control which automatically adjusts for daylight saving.

Permit refused

John Kontek and Sons Pty. Ltd., the real estate firm, has been refused Altona Council permission to demolish an existing shop to make way for three others in Pier Street.

The council refused because the firm's plan does not include off-street car parking.

The shop is at 61 Pier Street.

Floodlights

Altona Council will spend \$2,600 to help floodlight the main oval at Crofts Reserve for the Central Altona Football club.

The club asked for the area to be equipped with flood lights to allow night

The council will erect two 12-metre poles and supply underground wiring from the reserve pavilion at a cost of \$2,600, but the club will have to provide the lights.

Any additional lights and poles will have to be supplied by the club itself, the council says.

Kindergartens

The council will consider providing money to roof yard areas at the Somers Parade and Blackshaws Road Kindergartens to allow children to play outside in wet weather.

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The Disco Duck Disco Dance, in Williamstown was opened in style recently, with the appearance of top Australian song-writers George Young and Harry Vanda.

In a surprise move, the former Easybeats' duo performed on stage with the help of a few friends, including former ACDC bassist Mark Evans.

Mark had left the group in England only a few days previously and his appearance was a big surprise for the crowd.

The 300-plus crowd certainly appreciated the performance as Vanda and

Top two at disco debut



Young very seldom perform live these days.

The disco dance is held at St. Mary's Church Hall, Cecil Street, Williamstown, every Saturday, from 8.20-11.30 pm with tickets \$2.50.

Performing this week will be promising local band Lois Lane (pictured), with 3DB disc jockeys spinning records in between live acts.

There is a separate coffee lounge in the hall where people can have a breather from the music.



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Diamonds are forever

When Walter and Haydee Witt married, they vowed "to have and to hold" from that day forward.

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On Thursday, May 12, they celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary, and on Saturday family and friends feted them at the Craigantina Restaurant.

Mr. and Mrs. Witt, both 83, live in Railway Place, Williamstown.

They married at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Nelson Place, Williamstown, in 1917.

After retiring from an insurance firm at 60, Mr. Witt spent the next 20 years managing the Victorian branch of his son's timber company, based in Perth.

Three years ago, at 80, he decided to hand over to a manager. However, he's back on the job whenever the manager takes his annual holidays.

"He really enjoys it. My parents are really pretty remarkable people," says daughter Gillian Wadds.

"Mum is still working as a volunteer with the Anglican Mission of St. James and St. John, and she and Dad socialise a lot.

"They have friends over, or go out to play solo every week."

Mr. and Mrs. Witt have five children — Haydee, Walter, Lesley, David and Gillian. There are 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Witt still has the dress she was married in, and whose price, £5 horrified her father in 1917.

Daughter Lesley



(Mrs. Bear), and granddaughter, Susan have both worn the gown at their own weddings.

● Mr. and Mrs. Walter Witt toast each other with champagne to mark their 60 years together on Thursday.

Relatives and friends came from Perth, New South Wales and northern Victoria to attend Saturday's celebration for Mr. and Mrs. Witt.

And one guest at the

wedding 60 years ago, Miss Jean Rodger, of Victoria Street, Williamstown, was also on hand to offer her congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Witt's children presented them with a cassette-radio, including a recording of The Wedding March from Lohengren.

Altona celebrates: 20 years a city

Altona will celebrate its 20th anniversary as a municipality on Sunday, June 5.

Fun parlor refused

An application by Mr. S. Protetto, of Purnell Street, Altona, to establish an amusement parlor in Harrington Square, Altona, has been refused.

It was stated in the Star Advertiser on May 4 that the Altona Council was prepared to discuss the application with Mr. Protetto. This was incorrect.

To mark the occasion, the council will officially open the new Altona Meadows kindergarten and infant-welfare centre.

The Mayor, Mrs. June Crofts, will conduct the opening ceremony during the afternoon.

A city council news sheet will also be issued on the day, and during the following week will be distributed to homes around Altona.

The first Altona Shire Council meeting was held

on June 5, 1957, when Cr. George Ransom was elected first shire president.

Before that date Altona Riding was part of Werribee Shire Council.

Antique bottle show in 'Town

The Antique Bottle Club of Melbourne will hold its first show in the Williamstown Town Hall on Saturday and Sunday, May 28 and 29.

It will be a competitive show — and the first of its kind to be held in Melbourne.

The show will also include kerosene lamps, beer labels, glass-blowing, pottery making, old maps, old toys, coin detectors and bottle repairs.

Bottle-club members will also advise those interested on where and how to dig for old bottles.

Free valuation of old bottles and coins will also be available.

The antique-bottle competition itself will be in 37 categories, with entries from all parts of Australia.

A prize will go to the best Williamstown bottle entered by a member of the public.

The show will open to the public on Saturday, May 28, at noon, with the official opening by the Mayor of Williamstown, Cr. Peter Lalor.

Closing time will be 6 pm.

Why pick on me, Kay?

By John Dixon

During many years as a police and court reporter I've heard hundreds of false addresses given to police; but until last Thursday none had been mine.

Then it happened. A girl calling herself "Kaylene" was arrested and charged with shoplifting last Wednesday and did not appear when her name was called at Footscray court last Thursday.

She'd given her age as 17 and a Newport address as where she lived. My address.

Neither I nor anyone in my family has ever heard of the girl.

After her arrest, at Woolworths Footscray store, she was taken to Footscray police station, questioned, charged and released on her own bail of \$50, to appear at Footscray Court the next day.

"Kaylene" told police she was living in a defacto relationship and the surname she gave was a fairly common one.

When she failed to appear at court, the magistrate, MR WILLIAM GUY, and the police prosecutor, SERGEANT BRIAN HINTON, agreed there could have been some confusion and the case was stood down for inquiries to be made.

CONSTABLE Charles BEZZINA went to the address the girl gave and spoke to my wife, who assured him she'd never heard of "Kaylene".

I must admit it came as a bit of a surprise when Const. Bezzina returned to the court and told me the story.

Sgt. Hinton explained the matter to Mr. Guy. He said the address given was "that of Mr. Dixon,

of The Mail" and added that "Kaylene" wasn't known there.

Mr. Guy ordered the girl forfeit her bail and issued a warrant for her arrest.

Police want to interview a girl about 5ft 3in. tall, of medium build, with brown hair, hazel-colored eyes and a fair complexion.

She is Australian and is believed to be unemployed. She gave her birth date as September 6, 1959.

And "Kaylene", a little advice: go back to Footscray police station and see Const. Bezzina again,

or if he's not on duty, the officer-in-charge.

You'll save yourself the police a lot of trouble.

If you are only 17, you've got a lot of years ahead to be "on the run".

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Board of Works chairman Mr. Alan Croxford was guest speaker at a special meeting of Williamstown Rotary Club last week.

The picture shows Mr. Croxford (right) being presented with a plaque depicting the Williamstown time ball tower by the chairman of the meeting, Rotary member Mr. Cliff Gibson.

About 40 leaders of industry and commerce in the area joined club members to hear Mr. Croxford speak on, Melbourne in the Year 2000. After the address, members and visitors discussed with Mr. Croxford and amongst themselves future community needs and activities. Mr. Croxford said it was necessary to look ahead so that future needs could be ascertained and, where possible provided. Many factors could affect such future planning, he said. These included the lowering birth rate, which would eventually result in a swing in age grouping, thus altering many requirements of the present day.

That curve nearly OK

Altona's city engineer, Mr. Ralph Simmons, reported the following municipal works at the last meeting of Altona Council:

Maidstone Street reconstruction: In connection with the reconstruction of the curve in Maidstone Street north of the Geelong railway crossing, excavation work was completed and base course material was spread.

Final surfacing: is planned to be completed before the middle of the month in conjunction with sealing of the section of Maidstone Street between the railway crossing and Kororoit Creek Road.

Resurfacing of pavements: Remedial works on concrete kerb and channelling is being undertaken in Cherry Avenue preparatory to resealing.

Athletics pavilion at Grant Reserve: The laying of a sewer line between the pavilion and the Board of Works sewer located

along the Western boundary of Grant Reserve was completed. Connection of fittings in the pavilion is nearing completion.

Soccer pavilion at Kim Reserve: The erection of a verandah in front of the pavilion at Kim Reserve is in progress.

Toilet block at Frazer Reserve: Plumbing work to connect the toilet block to the Board of Works' sewerage system is in progress.

Council depot: In connection with the sewerage of the council's depot in Civic Parade, a sewer is being laid from the Board of Works' tapping point near the youth centre towards the depot.

Life saving pavilion: Painting on the pavilion on Lee Reserve is proceeding.

Foreshore: Accumulations of seaweed were removed from the beach front.

Door knock payout

Money raised at the annual Altona doorknock was distributed to beneficiaries at the last meeting of the Altona Council.

The money was allocated to: Western Suburbs Spastic Relief Hostel, \$1000; Altona Salvation Army Aged Hostel, \$800; Freedom from Hunger, \$300; Melbourne Lifeline, \$300; Altona District Hospital, \$300. Residents gave \$2783.60, and Altona City Council gave \$200.

The appeal committee had to pay expenses of \$250, mainly for printing, postage and insurance costs. The doorknock, run in past years by the Altona Council of Churches, was this year run by a committee representing 14 community groups.

They are: Altona hospital, Altona Methodist Church, Altona Youth Club, Rotaract, Rotary, Lions, Jaycees, Altona Workingmen's Club, Altona North Community Migrant Centre, Salvation Army, St. Leo the Great Church, St. Eanswythe's Church, Italian Youth Club, and the Western Suburbs Spastic Relief Association. Mr. E. Bertram, the appeal chairman, said yesterday a meeting would be called later this year to elect a committee to organise next year's appeal. "May I, on behalf of the beneficiaries, thank all those who contributed to the appeal, the collectors, those men who counted the money raised, Altona Council, the committee and the secretary, Mrs. M. Neyland," he added.

West 'worst hit' by AAP cutoff

Melbourne's western fringe would be among the worst-hit areas when the Australian Assistance Plan was abandoned on June 30, Dr. Ken Coghill said this week.

Dr. Coghill, Labor candidate for Werribee, said the Victorian Liberal Government had made clear that it would not continue the plan, which had brought vast new resources to the western area.

"For a mere drop in the ocean of State Govt. finances, valued services like the school-holiday programmes in Laverton, the community centre in Werribee and the Melton resource centre could have had a safe future," he said.

"Huge concessions to wealthy businesses are more important to the Liberals than basic community services in the west."

"Despite all the statements of support for the AAP, when it has come to the crunch the Victorian Government was not prepared to make money available to save it."

"This will have a disastrous result

for hundreds of community organisations supported by AAP Grants.

"It is incredible that in a 14-page statement by the Minister for Social Welfare, not even one reference was made to the existence of the AAP, its achievements or its future."

"To suggest that municipalities would be able to plan and organise welfare services on the basis of a grant of up to \$2000, if they put in \$1000, is absolute nonsense."

"What the Dixon plan suggests is that areas such as Melton, Werribee, Laverton and Deer Park, with all the social problems of a growing city, with large numbers of young people, will receive a maximum of two cents a head of population to set up local community information and social welfare planning services."

"Ratepayers will be paying for a service the State Government should be providing and promised it would provide."

'Beware of Strangers' -1½m. copies

The booklet "Beware of Strangers", has reached a print figure of over 1½ million and the demand is increasing.

Designed to alert primary school children to the danger of speaking to strangers, the booklet was launched 12 months ago by the retiring Chief Police Commissioner, Mr. Jackson.

Cost of printing was met by the National Mutual Live Association of Australia Ltd. and production was in conjunction with Lions' International Australia.

Footscray's National Mutual manager Mr. Stan Coper, said this week the co-operation of members of the Victoria Police in distributing and explaining the booklet had been excellent.

"How to alert children to the dangerous behavior of a small percentage of the population without making them afraid of everyone is a real problem," Mr. Coper said.

"We feel, however, this objective is being achieved through the booklet and particularly by members of the Victoria Police, who are explaining the "stranger-danger" message to primary school children."

The National Mutual had been surprised at the extent of inquiry for the

booklet and was prepared to maintain its support for it.

Parents and primary school teachers can get the booklet by inquiring at the National Mutual's Kellor office, 641 Mount Alexander Road, (370 1133) or at any police station.

Cubs' father, son night

A father-and-son dinner is among the plans made by the 1st Altona Scout Group for June.

The dinner, being organised by the cub leaders, will be held on Thursday, June 30.

The next meeting of the group's auxiliary is set for Friday, June 3 at 7.15 pm, when Metropolitan Research will hold a "kaleidoscope of shopping".

The annual meeting of the group committee, open to all parents, will be held on Thursday, June 2 at 7.30 pm.

Youth club girls

The older girls in the Altona Youth Centre calisthenics will have 1½ hour lessons from May 26.

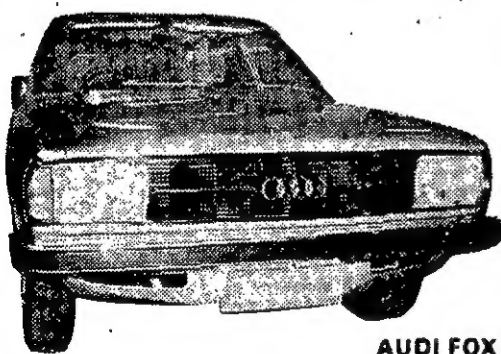
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Round five of winter tennis

Werribee 1 have emerged as strong contenders for the winter tennis A grade flag after beating previously undefeated St. Andrews 1 in round five.

The Werribee side proved just a little too good in the mixed rubbers by winning both in close sets.

RAAF caused the biggest surprise of the day when they had a convincing win over fourth team, Hoppers Crossing 1.

In another close match, St. Andrews 2 just failed against Presbyterian.

W. Thomas lead St. Andrews in both their rubber wins.

In A reserve 1, Hoppers Crossing 2 carried on their winning way by soundly defeating Lara 2.

W. Dart, a player to good for this grade, and his teammates are throwing out a strong challenge to all teams above them.

Another side improving rapidly is Presbyterian.

This side also now has the players to take a big part in the making of the four.

RAAF stopped Methodist's winning run in A reserves 2.

Hoppers Crossing still remain the only unbeaten side in this grade.

They won over Presbyterian.

In B grade, the two Werribee Centrals sides are on top of the ladder.

Centrals 1, put a dent in the Hoppers Crossing 1 chances of making the four by scoring 3 rubbers to 1.

Centrals 2 crushed the RAAF side.

The two Centrals girls B. Mackay and C. Brinkman won every game in their rubber.

These girls weren't the only ones able to perform this feat.

A. Courtney and S. Brown did the same for church of England against Hoppers Crossing 2.

The battle in C grade is most interesting with nine teams after a place in the four.

Two of these teams fought out the closest match of the day.

Hoppers Crossing 2 won by four games with rubbers and sets being equal, against the young Laverton side.

The two Werribee sides both had good wins.

Results

A grade: Hoppers Crossing 2 4/8/56 d. Werribee 2 0/2/29; Werribee 1 3/6/49 d. St. Andrews 1 dd/44; RAAF 3/7/52 d. Hoppers Crossing 1 1/3/39; Presbyterian 2/5/44 d. St. Andrews 2 2/4/37.

A Reserve: Hoppers Crossing 2 3/7/51 d. Lara 2 1/2/35; Presbyterian 4/8/48 d. Werribee 0/0/17; RAAF 3/6/48 d. Lara 1 1/3/37; Hoppers

Crossing 1 4/8/48 d. Little River 0/0/24.

A Reserve 2: Lara 3/6/42 d. Werribee Centrals 1 1/3/30; Hoppers Crossing 3/7/51 d. Presbyterian 1 1/3/38; Presbyterian 2 3/7/51 d. Werribee Centrals 2 1/2/35; RAAF 3/7/50 d. Methodist 1/3/46.

B Grade: Werribee Centrals 1 1/2/30; Hoppers 0/1/21; Church of England 4/8/48 d. Hoppers Crossing 2 0/0/16; Presbyterian 3/6/48 d. Little River 1/3/26; Werribee Centrals 1 3/7/56 d. Hoppers Crossing 1 1/4/43.

C Grade: Werribee 2 3/7/50 d. Lara 2 1/2/43; Hoppers Crossing 2 2/5/51 d. Laverton 2/5/47; Werribee 1 2/6/50 d. Little River 2/4/69; Werribee Centrals 1 4/8/48 d. Hoppers Crossing 3 0/0/11; Hoppers Crossing 1 4/8/48 d. Werribee Centrals 2 0/0/9; Lara 1 4/8/48 d. Presbyterian 2 0/0/8; Presbyterian 1 3/6/49 d. Werribee Centrals 3 1/3/35.

CRB gives \$208,650

The Country Roads Board will give \$208,650 for roadworks in Altona next financial year.

The work approved for funding includes the acquisition of land for road widening in Grieve Parade, Doherty's Road and Merton Street.

The Board has increased its allocation to Altona by \$9,600 on last year's total.

Details:

Land acquisition and resealing (Esplanade and Maidstone Street). \$105,750, maintenance Kororoit Creek and Millers Roads, \$13,000.

Merton Street reconstruction (with Werribee Shire), \$70,000.

Maintenance Queen, Merton, Maidstone, Mason Streets, Harcourt, Burns, Blackshaws roads, Esplanade, Civic and Grieve Parades \$1900.

Commenting on the allocation, the city engineer, Mr. Ralph Simmons, said he was disappointed that no funds had been provided to extend the divided road in Kororoit Creek Road, west of Goodrich Chemical Ltd.

WSFL results

Results of Western Suburbs Football League matches played on May 14 and 15.

1st Division:
West Newport 13.11 (89), Central Altona 8.11 (59), Newport 25.14 (164) Werribee 10.13 (73), W'town United 15.18 (108), Sunshine Heights 13.15 (93), Brooklyn 13.8 (86), Laverton 4.12 (36), W'town CYMS.
2nd Division:
Central Altona 12.16 (88), West Newport 3.6 (24), Fitzroy Rovers 18.17 (125), W'town CYMS 9.7 (61), Newport 21.11 (137), Werribee 9.7 (61), W'town United 16.18 (114), Sunshine Heights 5.10 (40), Hoppers Crossing 22.18 (150), Laverton 2.5 (17), Under-15s:
Westport 5.18 (48) Cent. Altona 2.8 (20), Altona City 14.10 (94), W'town Juniors 3.6 (24), Sunshine Heights 14.7 (91), W'town United 8.9 (57), Laverton 21.14 (140), Hoppers Crossing 0.1 (1), Under-13s:
Cent. Altona 4.10 (34), Westport 3.8 (26), W'town Juniors 6.4 (40), Altona City 4.6 (30), Werribee 8.9 (57), Newport Cent. 3.2 (20), Sunshine Jrs. 5.4 (34), Sunshine Heights 4.3 (27), Hoppers Crossing 6.8 (44), Laverton 4.2 (26), Under-12s:
Maidstone 3.4 (22), Altona City 2.7 (19), W'town Juniors 8.15 (63), Albion North 3.2 (20), Werribee 9.11 (65), Braybrook CYC 0.5 (5), Under-11s:
Werribee 8.2 (50) Windermere 1.4 (10), Laverton 6.8 (44), W'town Juniors 3.1 (19), Sunshine Heights 5.5 (35), Westport 1.2 (8), Altona City 14.15 (99), Sunshine Jrs. 0.2 (2), Newport Cent. 4.5 (29), Cent. Altona 4.3 (27), Hoppers Crossing bye, Under-10s:
Hoppers Crossing A. 6.7 (43), Windermere 1.0 (6), Sunshine Heights B. 7.10 (52), Sunshine Heights B. 1.0 (6), Werribee 11.8 (74), Hoppers Crossing B. 0.0 (0), Altona City 10.12 (72), Maidstone 0.0 (0), Cent. Altona 7.4 (46) Laverton 1.3 (9), Deer Park 5.5 (35), Albion North 2.7 (19), W'town Juniors 8.13 (61), Braybrook CYC 1.1 (7).

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Vikings kick way to loss

By Alan Burkitt

Two things cost Altona their first win in the F.D.L. on Saturday — inaccuracy in front of goal and Rod O'Connor.

O'Connor, captain-coach of Parkside, saved the day for his team when the Vikings were only a point down with three minutes to play.

A win for the Vikings looked certain, but for the high marking of the big O'Connor.

After being three goals down at quarter-time, Altona's play improved in the second and third terms. But they added 3.7 and 3.4 to the steady Parkside's six straight goals.

Danny Brennan, back in the Viking side after injury was a great centre-half back, but had to leave the field in the final term with a re-occurring knee injury.

The Vikings were without half-forward Pixie Walgers, big ruckmen Mick Calaz and Ian McLeod and utility players Robin Morgan and Henry Zapart.

With a bye this week, a

win over the lowly St. Albans side is well within Altona's reach the following Saturday.

Scores: Altona City 10.16 (76) Parkside 13.6 (84). **Best:** Brennan, Blok-keerus, Beband, Morgan, Hobbs. **Goals:** Hobbs, Hardham 2, Beband, Gardner, Chalmers, Morgan, Harrington, Wilson.

Reserves: Altona City 10.9 (69) Parkside 12.4 (76). **Best:** Grainger, Nolan, Lawson (in his comeback game), Groome, Howard. **Goals:** Chaffield, Lawson 2, Hogan, Valente, Allen, Hyett, Magnabosco, Walsh.

Under 17: Altona City 2.6 (18) Hoppers Crossing 17.14 (116). **Best:** Radocovich, Magennis, Heyen, Stephens, W. Smith. **Goals:** Smith, Kimpton.

Under 15: Altona City 14.10 (94) Williamstown Juniors 3.6 (24). **Best:** Burnett, W. Smith, G. Stevens, Rocco, Scott. **Goals:** W. Smith, Rocco 7.

Altona signs hockey star

Altona Hockey Club has signed a top player, Colin Slow from Greensborough, to help its bid to establish itself in A-grade competition.

Fearons' best win for '77

The Fearons scored their easiest A-grade victory of the season so far on Saturday by beating Melbourne University 29-1.

Allan Rolley with six goals and 14 assists was in most of the scoring. In defence, Robert O'Keefe played exceptionally well to gain three votes.

The B-grade side won its first for the year by beating MCC 26-9.

Coach Mick Orr has instilled new enthusiasm into this players.

His positional changes of ex-goalkeeper Ritchie and himself to the forward line are beginning to have effect. Results:

A Fearons 29 d. Melbourne University 1. Goals: Rolley 6, Garraworthy 6, Cordell 5, Stevens 3, Spicer, Smith, Walton 2, Morley, Jennings, McGuigan. **Best:** O'Keefe, Tatlow, Rolley.

B grade 26 d. MCC 9. Goals: D. Wilkinson 6, Hartley 5, R. Wilkinson, Roberts 4, Bowers, Ritchie 2, Orr Fraser, Johnson. **Best:** Roberts, D. Wilkinson, Brown.

Under 19 19 d. Malvern Red 6. Goals: Flaherty, Tuck 5, Morley, Kennedy, Lewer, Taylor 2, Jennings. **Best:** Jennings, Sapinano, Tuck.

E grade 11 d. Mitcham 8 goals; Vanderwert 5, Newman 4, Jennings, Meyer. **Best:** Newman, Jennings, Pike.

F grade were given a walk over by Mitcham.

G grade 10 lost to Malvern 14. Goals: M. Hernan 7, McVeigh 2, D. Hernan 1. **Best:** Robins, M. Hernan, McVeigh.

Colin has played more than 200 A-grade games.

The A-grade side didn't play because of the Australian senior hockey championships in Perth. Weekend details:

B-grade: Altona d. Power House 2-1. **Best:** G. Studley, J. Forrester, P. Symons.

In a high-standard encounter it was only Altona's inability to find the net that kept inexperienced House in the game.

C-grade: Altona d. Frankston 2-1. A highlight of the game was the performance of 16-year-old Altona goalkeeper Leo Anic.

He was well supported by Greg Smith and Ray Plant. Cecil Martin scored the two goals for Altona in the second half.

Altona D had a comfortable win over Glenroy — entrenching the side in the top four.

Patrick Rafferty, 13, played an excellent game.

E-grade beat top side Yarra Valley.

Tennis club down on the table

Williamstown Tennis Club Table Tennis Club suffered its first loss for the season, in the last round.

Playing in the Western Suburbs Table Tennis Association competition, Williamstown went down 6-5 to Altona North Youth Club, in the winter penant B-grade competition.

Altona Youth Club 6 Schofield 3, John Bennett 2; 1 doubles d. Williams-town Tennis Club 5 (Geoff Van Wyngaarden 2, Barry Oldham 1, Tommy Chan 1; 1 doubles).

Leading players were Van Wyngaarden 5-1 and Oldham 3-3.

Under 13: Altona City 4.6 (30) Williamstown Juniors 6.4 (40). **Best:** Villani, Davies, Schubach, Hyde, Krol. **Goals:** Davies, Paten, Krol, Phillips.

Under 12: Altona City 2.7 (19) Maidstone 3.4 (22). **Best:** Brown, Cooper. **Goals:** Hudson.

Under 11: Altona City 14.15 (99) Sunshine 0.2 (2). **Best:** Kip 6, Gillard 3, Moore, Villani, Skinner, Ferguson, Davies.

Under 10: Altona City 10.10 (70) Maidstone 0. **Best:** Taylor, McGowan, Ferguson, Gardiner, Stone. **Goals:** Taylor 4, Stone 2, Loukides, Gladis, Gardiner, Ferguson.

West's win was hard work

West Newport Football Club's senior first division side beat Central Altona 13-11 to 8-11 last weekend, but the win didn't come easy.

Central led by 23 points at three-quarter time, and West Newport had to take the field again with only 17 players.

The side, playing desperate football, made up the leeway and then raced away with the victory

after a rain of quick goals late in the quarter.

West Newport's R. Broughton, Carrington, Johnson, Menzies, Orr and Pitt were the main players responsible for the win.

The game was interesting all day.

Although kicking

against a strong wind in the first quarter, West appreciated the vast expanse of Croft Reserve.

The difference was only eight points at half-time.

Both teams produced good bursts of team football in the third quarter.

Goals: Cavanagh 3, R. Broughton, Carrington 2, Bosman, Garlick, Leighton, Pitt, Thompson, Vanstone.

Central Altona won the senior, second-division game 12-16 to 3-6.

Centrals were much too strong all day after winning the toss and electing to kick with the wind.

They raced to a 46-point lead at the first change, and never looked like losing it.

West Newport's best: Anderson, Barker, Griffiths, Ismaili, Ridge, Schenck.

Goals: Griffiths, Mayes, Nowell.

The under-14's won their game against Glenroy 14-3.

Best: Abraham, Nicholls, Frydas.

Goals: Frydas 5, Puopold 3, Abraham, Nicholls 2, Chrichiello.

Altona Gate went down to Mitcham Eagles by 20 goals.

Best: DeKusel, Frydas, Evans.

Goals: Evans 5, DeKusel, Pacific, Johnson 3, Pierias, Frydas, Leroy 2, Hardman, Cartolano.

Four win State selection

Four boys with the Altona Lacrosse Club have won selection in State teams.

They are Mark Danger, Colin Nichols, Bill Allan and David Gerard.

Mark, who plays A-grade lacrosse, has been chosen in the Victorian under-19 side. Colin, Bill and David will play under-16 games for the state.

Mark is in form five at Altona High School, and David and Bill are both form four students at Altona North Technical School.

Colin is a first year apprentice with Gerrard Springs Pty. Ltd.

The boys' coaches over the past few years have

United U-17 win well

Williamstown United under-17s beat Sunshine Heights 19-20 to 10-10 at the weekend.

Goals: Yates 4, Barnaby 3, Becroft 2, P. Curran 2, Woodlands 2, Vines 2, Murphy, Patterson, Ind. Vasil. **Best:** Murphy, Mattson, Curran, Becroft, Barnaby, Vasil, Patterson, Ind.

Williamstown officials were super confident before the game, played at Sandringham.

Their side had shown impressive early season form, and they were taking the first division newcomers lightly.

They were in for a shock.

Williamstown failed by only four points to knock off the Zebras.

The Seagulls matched them man for man all day.

They led 5-2 to 4-2 at quarter time and 8-4 to 6-9 at half-time.

Brian Lowe, who finished with four goals,

played a strong, creative game.

Gary Richards, roving in his first game showed plenty of promise and booted two goals.

In the second quarter the Gulls defenders played tight, attacking football.

They pressured the Zebras into making mistakes.

Sandringham managed only 2-7 for the quarter.

It was a telling third quarter.

Both sides booted four goals in a see-sawing affair.

With the scores 12-8 to

10-10 in Williamstown's favor at three quarter time, the Gulls looked set to notch their second victory for the season.

However Sandringham came back strongly, and slammed home two goals early in the quarter.

Gary Richards managed another goal for Williamstown, and they were still in it.

Inter-change players John Nash and Brian Edwards also goaled in the final quarter but Sandringham had that little edge in the telling moments of the game.

The game was a great crowd pleaser.

The most effective players for Williamstown were high flying Brian Lowe and the "Cockroach" Mal Allen.

Mark Cross picked-up a bundle of kicks and Peter Gardner and Greg Tweedley fought desperately for the ball all day.

Peter Kerr also created plenty of chances.

The Williamstown Central Motors Award went to Mark Cross (3), Brian Lowe (2) and Mal Allen (1).

Peter Gardner heads the progressive voting with 8, followed by Mal Allen with 6.

Sunday's goalkickers: Brian Lowe, 4, Peter Gardner 3, Mark Cross, Gary Richards 2, Alan Kennedy, Andrew Dolelly, John Nash, Brian Edwards 1.

This Sunday Williamstown will play Coburg in the first round of the McWilliams Centenary Cup.

There will be no seconds or thirds games.

A players reunion will be held at the Melbourne Town House at 7.30 pm on Friday.

The reserves side failed badly against Sandringham. They went down 6-6 to 22-30.

Chris Woodruffe booted two of the goals.

Best players were John Coyne, Michael Murphy, and Rochdale Burgess.

Peter Dern and Bruce Alexander never gave in all day.

Other goalkickers were Laurie Taylor, Dave Marshall, John Coyne and Neil Brown.

The thirds had a great victory.

Sandringham were undefeated until they tackled the Seagulls.

Sandringham went into the game with their tails in the air after kicking 50 goals he previous week.

But the Seagulls kept the pressure on to win 14-13 to 10-19.

Goals: Rollo Goetz 5, Tony Walsh, Wayne Stevens, Peter Marshall 2, Kelvin Lavelle, Brendan Murphy, Geoff Bell.

Best: Rollo Goetz, Jeff Dean, David Truman, Bill Newman, Bill Mitchell, Ian Vanrangelroy, Geoff Bell and Brendan Murphy.

Williamstown's under 15 side went down to Altona City 14-10 to 3-6.

Three Williamstown players played their 50th game.

They are Paul Brice, Graeme Addison and David Black.

Goals: Hughes, Addison, Bratby. **Best:** Hughes, Barnett, Lovell, Brierty, Clerk, Black.

The under 13 side is now 6-4 to 4-6. The side is now the only undefeated team this season.

Goals: Robson, Arceriz, Hughes, Demetron.

Best: Arceriz, De-Hughes, Arandez, Fairley, Goding.

In the under 12's Williamstown won 8-15 to Albion North 3-2. **Goals:** Brakey 4, Gabriel 3, Brierty.

Laverton, 6-8 beat Williamstown under 11's 3-1. **Goals:** Gould, 2, R. gerson. **Best:** Grigg, G. Bates, M. Bates, Gould, Wright, Bratby.

Williamstown 8-13 beat Braybrook 1-1 in the under 10's.

Best were Andrews, Armstrong, J. Doley, Taylor and Powell. **Goals:** Armstrong 2, Andrews, Taylor, Jackson, Kavanagh, Powell and C. Doolley.



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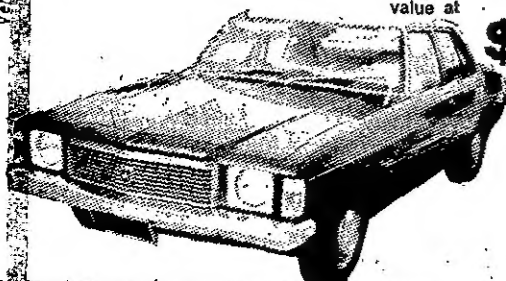
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